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SUBJ: MOROCCAN INTEREST IN SPANISH SAHARA

- 1. MR. BOAT MOHAMED, SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE KING OF MOROCCO, DEPARTED MOGAD ACIO AUGUST 7 AFTER SPEAKING TO PRESIDENT SIAD, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OAU, ABOUT MOROCCAN CLAIMS TO THE SPANISH SAHARA. THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SONNA NEWS BULLETIN ON AUGUST 7 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT:
- 2. "A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOMALI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT SPAIN SHOULD FREE THE SPANISH SAHARA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ALLOW THE INHABITANTS OF THAT TERRITORY TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE. HE SAID SPAIN SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED THE STEPS TAKEN BY PORTUGAL TOWARDS DECOLONISATION OF ITS AFRICAN COLONIES. 'ONLY BY GIVING INDEPENDENCE TO THE SPANISH SAHARA CAN SPAIN SAFEGUARD ITS INTERESTS IN AFRICA AND WIN THE FRIENDSHIP OF AFRICAN LEADERS AND PEOPLE', THE SPOKESMAN DECLARED. HE SAID THE MAIN PILLARS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SOMALIA'S FOREIGN POLICY WERE BASED ON THE LIBERATION OF THE

ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT FROM COLONIALISM."

3. COMMENT: THIS LANGUAGE DOES NOT APPEAR TO INCLUDE ANY SPECIFIC SUPPORT OR ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE MOROCCAN CLAIMS. HAMRICK

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